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Prohibition of attacks against safeguarded nuclear facilities Recommendations for inclusion in the Chairman's paper

The States parties reaffirm that attacks or threat of attack against nuclear facilities devoted to peaceful purposes jeopardize the development and further promotion of the peaceful uses of nuclear energy and therefore the achievement of one of the main objectives of the Non-Proliferation Treaty. Such attacks could result in radioactive release with grave environmental consequences within and beyond the boundaries of the State which has been attacked.

The Conference emphasizes that attacks or threat of attacks against nuclear facilities should be prevented and prohibited. The Conference therefore urges States parties to make every effort, individually and within competent international fora particularly IAEA, to take necessary measures to prohibit such attacks against safeguarded nuclear facilities, inter alia, through adoption of an international legally-binding instrument to that effect.

Any armed attack and threat of attack against nuclear facilities devoted to peaceful purposes constitutes a violation of the principles of the UN Charter, international law and the Statute of the IAEA. An armed attack or threat of attack against such nuclear installations, in operation or under construction, would create a situation in which the UN members would have to act jointly and immediately in accordance with the provisions of the Charter.

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